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UNITED STATES.

Shipment of figs, raisins, and second-hand rugs and carpets from Smyrna prohibited.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *August 8, 1900.*

SIR: I have to acknowledge receipt of your two letters of July 11 and July 31, inclosing copies of dispatches from the United States consul at Smyrna, showing the prevalence of plague in that city, and calling attention to the shipment therefrom to the United States of figs, raisins, rugs, carpets, textiles, etc., and to the possible danger of the conveyance of the disease thereby.

I am informed by the Surgeon-General of the Marine-Hospital Service that this matter has received careful attention in his office and he invites attention to the Treasury Quarantine Laws and Regulations, for foreign ports, issued November 13, 1899, page 15, Article IV, paragraphs 3, 7, 12, and to Article IX.

In view of the statements made by the consul regarding the method of collecting and packing figs and raisins, and that the shipments ordinarily begin on August 15, and in view also of the epidemic character of the outbreak of plague, the consul reporting that it is estimated that there are 200 cases, I have to request that the following cable dispatch, prepared by the Surgeon-General, be transmitted to the United States consul at Smyrna, "Shipment figs and raisins prohibited; also second-hand or used rugs and carpets."

Respectfully,

L. J. GAGE,
Secretary.

Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE.